

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Environment Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 11 November 2020, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs NJ Patrick (Chair), AL Benbow (via zoom to 11.10am), DB Cotton (via zoom), SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor (from 9.38am to 11.49am), WK Te Awe Awe (to 10.30am), and GJ Turkington.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Committee Secretary Mrs KA Tong

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr R Smillie (Biodiversity, Biosecurity & Partnerships Manager), Mr G Bevin (Regulatory Manager), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Ms S Carswell (Coordinator District Advice), Mrs S Williams (Environmental Educator), Mr C Veale (Programme Coordinator), Mr S Hodges (Manager Information Management), Ms A Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager), Mr M Mitchell (Scientist – Water Quality), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mayor A Watson, Mr P Beggs & Mr A Benadie (Rangitikei District Council), and Mr M Fredericks (via zoom).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

ENV 20-24 Moved F Gordon/Turkington

That apologies be received from Crs Keedwell and Clarke, and that an apology be noted from Cr Naylor for lateness.

CARRIED

Cr Te Awe Awe noted he would be departing the meeting early.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Public Speaking had been granted to Owhango Alive Group (via Zoom).

Mr Mark Fredericks spoke on behalf of the Owhango Alive Group and gave a brief outline of the origins of the group and also what they had achieved to date. Mr Fredericks expressed the need for funding from Horizons contestable funds which would increase the effect of the Group along the Whakapapa River.

Cr Naylor joined the meeting at 9.38am.

